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ADP-Report

Computer Application Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Processing Staff
SUBJECT : Comments on Data for a Computer Application Registry

1. For the most part the data you have indicated necessary for a CAR seems all right. Some of the answers are not readily available to the DDI Planning Staff but assume they are available with the processors. For example, items 6 (Time Sharing), 9b (Storage Media) and in many cases 11 (program language) are not normally available to the Planning Staff and such information would have to be obtained from the processor.

2. In the case of many DDI programs which are fairly new, estimates will have to be made rather than experience. These include items 8 (requests per month) and 9a (file size). As to item 12 (man hours) we make separate estimates of man hours required by the requester and those required by the processor. It is not clear whether you are asking for these or for lump sum man hours. It would seem preferable to keep them separate.

3. Finally, with regard to item 13, we make a "machine time" estimate. While this has not been precisely defined, I assume you mean time in the system, not just in the CPU.

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